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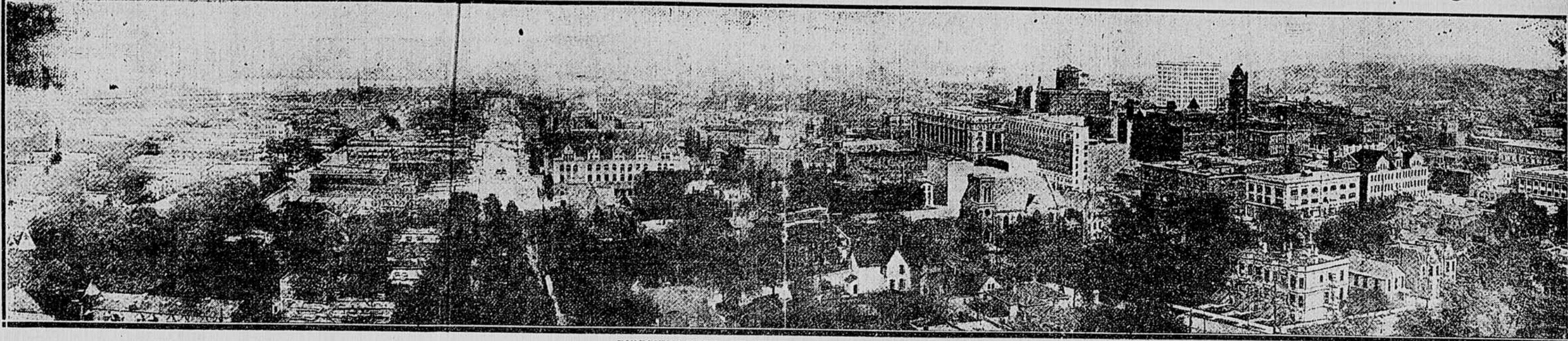
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RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 1913.

THE WEATHER TO-DAY—Unsettled.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

Death Toll Taken by Western Tornado, 300; Many Hundreds Injured



BIRDSEYE VIEW OF STRICKEN CITY OF OMAHA.

HOTEL AUDITOR IS ARRESTED FOR THEFT OF \$8,000

W. J. Rowley, of the Jefferson, Taken in Custody at Hospital.

CARRIED TO JAIL ON A STRETCHER

Shortage Recently Discovered by Manager Weisiger, Who Had Books Examined, but Prisoner Was Under \$10,000 Bond, So Hotel Will Not Lose.

William Jonathan Rowley, forty-three years old, for nearly three years auditor of the Jefferson Hotel, was arrested yesterday while ill at St. Elizabeth's Hospital on two warrants charging him with embezzling \$2,275.19 from the Jefferson Realty Corporation, which operates the hotel. It was authoritatively stated that his alleged shortage, covering a period of nearly one year, will be in excess of \$8,000, because of Rowley's feeble condition, he was removed to the City Jail hospital. He could not be seen last night, the jail physician, Dr. W. S. Gordon, stating that he was too weak to talk.

Two warrants for the arrest of Rowley were sworn out yesterday morning by Detective-Sergeant Wiley, on information supplied by O. F. Weisiger, manager of the Jefferson, Murray M. McGuire, counsel for the owning corporation, and Thomas H. McGuire, an accountant, who audited Rowley's books when it was found that an alleged shortage had been discovered. One charge was for the theft of \$1,173.38, on January 6, 1912, and the other, \$1,101.81, on January 7. Sergeant Wiley said other warrants will probably be issued against Rowley.

A shortage in the accounts of William J. Rowley, auditor of the Jefferson Hotel, was recently discovered by the manager, who at once had the books carefully audited, said Captain Joseph E. Wiley, president of the corporation, last night. "The plan adopted was made possible by the holding back of checks to balance deposits with the hotel, and in the meantime, successful, despite the careful daily checking of the hotel accounts and the expert audit of the books which is made every year. The official at fault was found with a nurse attending to him, and it is not thought that the Jefferson will sustain any loss."

Rowley is bonded in the sum of \$10,000 by the National Surety Company. With officers of the hotel, A. M. Cannon, local agent of the bonding company, visited police headquarters yesterday, when the warrants were sworn out.

As soon as the warrants were written, shortly after noon, Sergeant Wiley and Detective-Sergeant Kellam went to St. Elizabeth's hospital, where they were met by a nurse and explained their mission to those in charge. They were shown to Rowley's room, on the fourth floor.

When Wiley told the patient he had been taken to the hospital, Rowley asked to have them read, which was done. Kellam took charge of the prisoner and assisted him to dress, physicians and nurses having assured the officers that Rowley was not too weak to be removed to the jail hospital. Once Rowley appeared on the verge of collapse, but was quickly revived when given a drink of water.

Upon a stretcher he was taken to a rear door of the hospital and lifted into an automobile patrol. He was carefully wrapped and appeared to pay little attention to what was going on around him. He made very few remarks to the detectives. In order to get commitment papers from Police Justice Crutcher, the patrol was stopped at the Police Court. After this formality Rowley was taken to the jail, undressed and put to bed. Dr. Gordon examined him and left instructions that the prisoner was not to be seen.

Rowley had been in the hospital for about three weeks, suffering from blood poisoning in the left leg. Rumors were current around the hospital, that the patient was being watched by a nurse and was being prevented from doing so by an orderly. When he was first visited by Wiley and Kellam he was being carefully watched by a nurse and was being prevented from doing so by an orderly. When he was first visited by Wiley and Kellam he was being carefully watched by a nurse and was being prevented from doing so by an orderly.

TWIN TORNADOES BRING DISASTER TO MIDDLE WEST

Fatal Force of Storm Felt as Far East as Chicago.

PANIC AND FIRE INCREASE HAVOC

Certain Now That 300 Lives Have Been Lost, With \$15,000,000 Worth of Property Destroyed—State and Federal Troops Are Called Out to Maintain Order.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Chicago, Ill., March 24.—A death toll probably reaching 300, with \$15,000,000 property loss, was taken by twin equinoctial tornadoes, which swept through the Middle West Sunday night and to-day.

Omaha, Neb., is the heaviest sufferer, with at least 150 dead and devastation totaling \$10,000,000. This takes no reckoning of the hundreds more who have been injured, scores, perhaps, fatally.

A broad section of the residential district of the city—abiding places of the wealthy classes—was wiped out. Fire added to the general havoc. Panic ensued, and State and Federal troops have been called out to maintain order.

Other Nebraska towns felt the death-dealing force of the wind, which swept over into Iowa as well. Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Montana, Wisconsin, Kansas and South Dakota.

As far east as Chicago the fatal force of the storm was felt, the toll here being five killed, with \$500,000 damage. In Milwaukee, \$200,000 property loss was sustained.

As Omaha was the center of one of the tornadoes, Terre Haute, Ind., became the center of the other.

Thirty are dead from the storm which hit the latter city. Fifteen were lost in Yutan, Neb., between eighteen and thirty-five in surrounding Nebraska towns, ten in Council Bluffs, Iowa, while deaths of from two to fifteen persons are reported from a score of other small towns through the nine States compassed by the twin storms.

The history of the Middle West contains no record of storms of such violence and attended by such appalling loss of life.

Omaha Lies Prostrate.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Omaha, Neb., March 24.—Omaha, chief city of Nebraska, lies prostrate under the spent force of the worst tornado in the history of the Middle West.

Roaring down suddenly upon the city shortly after 6 o'clock last night, the storm cut a path seven blocks wide and twenty-four blocks long through the heart of the residential district.

A total of 150 dead were left in the wreck-strewn path. Thrice as many were injured, many of them, it is feared, fatally. One hundred bodies have already been recovered, and search of the ruins is still going on.

The property loss is estimated at from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

Twelve hundred houses were wrecked, in addition to five public schools and seven churches.

At the moment that the storm struck, every light in the city was extinguished. Fires started all over the destroyed section. Torrential rains came shortly, however, and reduced this added danger to a minimum.

Panic Ensues.

Panic at once ensued. Mayor Dahlman took personal command of the situation and called on all the available State troops, appealing at the same time to Governor Morehead for reinforcements. Before the roar of the tornado had died out in the distance, the work of rescue had begun.

It continued uninterruptedly by lantern light all through the night, and with the arrival to-day of the governor with additional State troops, supported by the Federal troops from Fort Omaha, order is rapidly being restored, and accurate accounting made of the extent of the damage.

The hotels in the down-town section of the city, which escaped with little damage, have been turned into hospitals for the treatment of the hundreds of wounded.

Trains bearing physicians, nurses and supplies have been arriving all through the day. Money, too, is pouring into the city from all quarters, and the work of aid is being received from all sides.

The situation is appalling, but it is believed that the authorities now have it well in hand, and there remains but the work of locating all the dead, carrying them to the morgues, and burying them.

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Figures Which Tell Story, and Partial List of Dead

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, March 24.—Totals of the dead and injured in the track of Sunday's storm are as follows, according to reports received to-night:

City.	Dead.	Injured.
Omaha and suburbs	152	330
Terre Haute, Ind.	20	250
Chicago	5	40
Yutan, Neb.	16	20
Berlin, Neb.	7	17
Council Bluffs, Iowa	12	13
Bartlett, Iowa	3	10
Weston, Iowa	2	10
Neola, Iowa	2	10
Glenwood, Iowa	5	10
Beebe, Iowa	1	10
Malvern, Iowa	1	10
Walton, Ill.	1	3
Sterling, Ill.	1	3
Traverse City, Mich.	1	1
Perth, Ind.	1	1
Totals	227	694

Partial List of Dead.

The list of dead in Omaha, so far as known, is as follows:

Archer, Mrs. ———
Bigelow, Mrs. ———
Booker, Maria ———
Bowler, Helen ———
Bleawell, Henry ———
Brooks, Jean B. ———
Cady, Charles ———
Christensen, two infant children of Morris ———
Cooper, Henry ———
Copley, C. F. ———
Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. C., and two small daughters ———
Davis, Mrs. Frank ———
Davis, Mrs. B. ———
Dengulter, Sam ———
Doyle, John ———
Dillon, C. W. ———
Duncan, George ———
Duncan, George J. ———
Fields, Bert H. ———
Fisher, William ———
Fitzgerald, Mrs. F. E. ———
Ford, Lunny ———
Garrison, Jason L. ———
Geyer, Lloyd ———
Givot, George ———
Goodnaught, Mrs. F. G. ———
Gray, Rose ———
Greener, John ———
Hanson, Mrs. Henrietta ———
Hanson, A. ———
Hanson, George ———
Hendrickson, Andrew ———
Henz, Fred ———
Hinsman, Mrs. A. ———
Hogg, Mrs. J. P. ———
Hultin, Miss Frieda ———
Jepson, Jessie ———
Johnson, Thomas ———
Klatsch, Nathan, and three small daughters and infant son ———
Larsen, Nels ———
McBride, Mabel ———
Maas, Miss ———
Newman, Mrs. Ida ———
Nichols, J. B. ———
Norris, T. B. ———
Norris, Coralie ———
Peck, A. J. ———
Petersen, Walter ———
Riley, Sam ———
Sawyer, Mrs. E. A. ———
Stanley, A. B. ———
Sullivan, Mrs. ———
Swann, Mrs. R. B. ———
At Council Bluffs, Iowa: Benninghoff, Benjamin ———
Boyle, Mrs. William ———
Boyle, Mrs. J. R. ———
Schools, Mr. and Mrs., and baby Nor-gard ———
Lorcard, ———
Rice, Mrs. Margaret, and baby ———
Schulte, John, and wife ———
At Ralston, Neb.: Kimball, Mrs. Edith, twenty-nine years old, of Winnipeg, Canada ———
Kimball, Francis, two years old ———
Moran, Mary ———
Said, H. E. ———
Said, Mrs. H. E. ———
Garrison, Jason L. ———
Hanson, Mrs. ———
Rathke, Mrs. ———
Mote, Mrs. Edward ———
At Berlin, Neb.: Koch, Henry ———
Koch, Mrs. Henry ———
Koch, Albert ———
Koch, John ———
Tiede, Sylvia ———
Brandt, Mrs. ———
An unidentified man ———
At Yutan, Neb.: Deaths reported, but not confirmed: Babcock, Mrs. William, and daughter ———
Gilster, Mrs. ———
Hammond, A. R., wife and son ———
Scheele, Henry ———
Steinbaugh, Mrs. W. H., and baby ———
Hansell, Benjamin I. ———
Barber, Scott ———
Davis, Frank ———
Davie, Charlotte ———
Dunn, ——— Mrs. ———
Boyle, John ———
Fitch, F. V. ———
Field, D. L. ———
Fitz, H. D. ———
Ferguson, ———
Hansen, Mrs. J. G. ———
Hardy, Mr. and Mrs. ———
Heine, Miss ———, and two sisters ———
Hansell, George (colored) ———
Heines, Mrs. ———
Hase, Miss ———
Helli, Mrs. ———, and baby ———

CITIES ARE LAID IN RUINS, AND FLAMES ADD TERROR TO HOMELESS THOUSANDS

Omaha, With 152 Dead; Terre Haute, 20; Yutan, 16, and Council Bluffs, 12, Heaviest Sufferers From Worst Storm West Has Known in Many Years—1,200 Buildings Destroyed, While Property Loss Is Estimated in Millions. Figures Only Approximate, and It Is Feared Later Reports May Add to Enormity of Disaster.

(By Associated Press.) Omaha, Neb., March 24.—More than 200 persons were killed and 694 were injured in a windstorm that demolished 450 homes, damaged hundreds of other buildings and caused a monetary loss of \$5,000,000, according to reports available up to a late hour to-night from the main path of the tornado in and near Omaha. It is believed, as reports from other places come in, the death list may reach 300.

Most of the casualties were in Omaha. Nearby towns in Nebraska and across the Missouri River in Iowa also suffered severely. Wires were snapped off in all directions, and it took many hours to gather and circulate news of the disaster.

Fire broke out in the debris of many wrecked buildings in the Nebraska metropolis, and these were menaces for some time, as the fire companies were hindered by fallen walls and blocked streets. A heavy rain followed the wind, however, and drenched the hundreds of homeless persons, but also put out the flames.

Of the 227 known dead within the area covered by the storm, 152 were residents of Omaha. The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory, with Terre Haute, Ind., reporting 20; Council Bluffs, 12; Yutan, Neb., 16; Berlin, Neb., 7; Glenwood, Iowa, 5; Neola, Iowa, 2, and Bartlett, Iowa, 3. The same cities and towns report an aggregate of 400 injured and 450 homes demolished.

Perhaps 1,500 persons are homeless. Aside from this, 3,000 buildings were more or less damaged, some of these being churches and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked.

All forms of communication were almost annihilated by the wind, and only two or three wires were in working condition when daylight relieved a night of high tension, which at times almost became panic. Soldiers, State and national troops, poured into the city during the day to aid in bringing order of what, for twenty hours, had been chaos.

Scene of Desolation Is Left in Path of Storm.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—With the death list fluctuating around 200 and injured apparently 694, Omaha and the surrounding territory in Nebraska and Iowa to-night faced the problem of housing the thousands rendered homeless by last night's tornado. The number of buildings destroyed was said to be in the neighborhood of 1,200, and the property loss is expected to reach several million dollars. Related reports coming to Omaha tended to increase the enormity of the tornado's destruction and indicated that a much wider territory had been in the path of the storm than was first shown. Next to Omaha, where the death list probably will be about 100, Yutan and Ralston, Neb., reported sixteen and fourteen deaths Terra Haute, Ind., twenty, respectively, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, twelve.

It was late to-day before all the details of the storm with accompanying wreckage in Omaha were known, even within this city itself. The pathway of the storm, from three to seven blocks in width, cut a swath twenty-four blocks long. Within the space of this storm centre, which, if made rectangular, would cover a quarter section of land, 1,200 houses are wrecked, 100 bodies have been recovered, and search of the ruins is being made for others. Several are known to be still in the ruins at the end of the storm's path.

Value of Property Demolished Estimated at Many Millions.

Estimates of the value of property demolished by the storm vary between \$5,000,000 and \$12,000,000. Some of the more substantial houses can be partially rebuilt. Where the buildings have not been torn asunder they have been so twisted that even the material is useless for rebuilding.

The hospitals in Omaha to-night are full of injured, many of whom have not yet been identified, apparently because their friends are either dead or among the injured.

To-night, the stricken section of Omaha is patrolled by government troops from Fort Omaha and the State militia. Governor Morehead has taken personal charge of the State troops. There has been little or no looting. Business men are co-operating in every way. The Omaha hotels have thrown open their doors for the injured. Every train into Omaha to-day brought scores of physicians from nearby towns, who have friends and relatives here, and they made up one continual stream of visitors to the morgues and the hospitals.

The storm appeared to have started at Fifty-fourth and Center Streets. From there it traveled north, veering slightly to the east, to Leavenworth Street. Then it took a northeasterly course to Fortieth and Farnam Streets, sweeping its way through everything. Still traveling a little east of north, it covered a course from Fortieth Street, East, to Thirty-fourth Street, a distance of six blocks.

Striking Bemis Park, where the homes of the well-to-do Omahans are located, the storm turned sharply to the east and passed along Parker and Blonde Streets to Twenty-fourth Street, where its path was six blocks wide. In the latter section the damage is complete. Finally, at Fourteenth and Spencer Streets, the storm swept

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FORGETS HIS LINES

Supreme Court Crier Has Amusing Lapse of Memory. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, March 24.—Chief Justice White and other members of the Supreme Court were startled to-day when the court crier, by a slip of the tongue, admonished all those having business with the court, "to draw near and attend to business." The usual direction is "to draw near and give their attention."

The sober tribunal was shocked at first by the unfamiliar phrase, but Chief Justice White took the lead in the laughter that greeted the confused crier's remarks.

LADY NEVILL IS DEAD

Death Comes to Famous Woman at (Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.) London, March 24.—Lady Dorothy Nevill, well-known English society figure, died at her home in Charles Street, Berkeley Square, to-day, after an illness of several days. Lady Nevill would have reached her eighty-seventh year on March 31. Her last, and among the best known of her books, was "Under Five Religions," a book of recollections published in 1910.

ANOTHER STORM IS DEVELOPING

Washington, March 24.—Following closely the two tornadoes which swept death and destruction through the city of Omaha and the Middle West, another storm, now developing west of the Rocky Mountains, is predicted to pass over the East Tuesday night or Wednesday.

Weather sharps ordered up storm warnings from Hatteras to Eastport, on the Atlantic, and cold wave warnings in the West Lake region, the Middle and Upper Mississippi Valley.